

## United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims

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### Number of Judgeships: 9

Created in 1988, this Court consisting of a chief judge and six associate judges has exclusive jurisdiction to review final decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals, an administrative arm of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cases involve reviewing the Board's determination of entitlement or disability benefits. The rulings can be appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims is independent and does not come under the purview of the Judicial Conference of the United States or the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. The President appoints a chief judge and between two and six judges. The appointments are for 15-year terms and subject to Senate confirmation.

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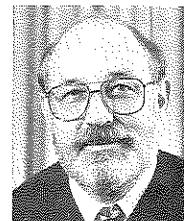
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**Note:** Chief Judge Donald L. Ivers has announced his retirement, effective August 2005.



**Donald L. Ivers**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: New Mexico 1963 BA;  
American U 1971 JD  
Began Service: August 6, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Term Expires: August 5, 2005  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Superior Court of the District of Columbia (1970-1971); Law Clerk, District of Columbia Court of Appeals (1971-1972)

**Government:** Chief Counsel, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation (1981-1985); Counselor, Secretary of Transportation (1984-1985); General Counsel, Veterans' Administration, and Acting General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs (1985-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Brault, Graham, Scott and Brault (1972-1978); Chief Counsel, Republican National Committee (1978-1981)

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**Jonathan R. Steinberg**  
Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: Cornell 1960 BA;  
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Began Service: September 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Term Expires: August 2005  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Warren E. Burger, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (1963-1964)

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**Government:** Attorney Advisor and Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Peace Corps (1964-1969); Counsel, Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, and then Labor and Human Resources, United States Senate (1969-1977); Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate (1977-1980); Minority Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate (1981-1987); Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, United States Senate (1987-1990)

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**William P. Greene, Jr.**  
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Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: West Virginia State 1965 BA;  
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Began Service: November 24, 1997  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Term Expires: November 23, 2012

**Academic:** Department Chair, Criminal Law Division, Judge Advocate General's School, United States Army

**Government:** Immigration Judge, Department of Justice (1993-1997)

**Legal Practice:** United States Army Judge Advocate General's Corps

**Military Service:** United States Army (1968-1993); Chief Prosecutor, Fort Knox, Kentucky, United States Army; Chief Defense Counsel, Hawaii, United States Army; Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Third Infantry Division, Germany, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Second Infantry Division, Korea, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, United States Army; Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, United States Army

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Judge

Date of Birth: March 27, 1947  
Education: Naval Acad 1969 BS; McGeorge 1976 JD;  
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Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
Term Expires: January 1, 2017

**Legal Practice:** Judge Advocate, United States Marine Corps (1976-1990)

**Military Service:** United States Navy, United States Navy (1965-1969); United States Marine Corps, United States Marine Corps (1969-1990)

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